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Kok-Hwee Ng, et al.		)	
Application No.: 09/865,196		)	Group Art Unit:
Filed:	May 24, 2001	)	Examiner: Unknown
For: .	A System and Method for Tracking the State of a Blood Collection in a Blood Collection Facility	) ) )	

## **AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

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- X Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified Application.
- X No additional fee is required.

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Respectfully submitted,

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In re U.S. Patent Application of: Kok-Hwee Ng et al. Serial No: 09/865,196 ) Examiner: Unknown Filed: May 24, 2001 ) Art Unit: A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR For:

TRACKING THE STATE OF A BLOOD **COLLECTION IN A BLOOD COLLECTION FACILITY** 

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

**BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT** Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

## In the Specification:

Please delete the noted paragraphs and replace them with paragraphs printed below (marked up copies of the corresponding pages are attached as Attachments A, B, and C).

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 6 at line 2 and ending on page 6 at line 18 with the following paragraph:

The present invention is directed to an apparatus or system for collecting, using, and